

In the claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 4 and 14 as follows:

1. (twice amended) A temperature indicating surface comprising:
a layer of material which substantially irreversibly changes from a first appearance to a second appearance in response to exposure to a threshold temperature, and where said material irreversibly fuses in response to said threshold temperature, wherein a first portion of said layer of material is initially free from exposure to said threshold temperature prior to use by a user and is thereby fusible which provides said first appearance to said first portion, and wherein a second portion of said layer of material is initially exposed to said threshold temperature prior to use by a user and thereby is fused which provides said second appearance to said second portion, whereby said first portion and said second portion form a visible pattern.

4. (amended) The temperature indicating surface of Claim 1 wherein said layer of material is formed on a label.

14. (twice amended) A temperature indicating surface including a first portion comprised of material that irreversibly fuses upon exposure to a threshold temperature thereby changing from a first appearance to a second appearance, said first portion initially being fusible prior to use by a user to provide said first appearance, and further including a second portion of said material being fused prior to use by a user to provide said second appearance.